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35. A method of assembling an aerosol dispenser according to claim 27 wherein one of the said flanges is of greater width than the other and after the flanges have been welded together the wider flange is rolled and crimped around the other flange.

17 36. A method of assembling an aerosol dispenser according to claim 27 wherein the flanges are rolled and crimped after they have been welded together.--

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims taking into consideration the prosecution in the parent application which has been allowed and in which the issue fee is due on November 15, 1999. The parent application was on appeal and the Examiner's Answer withdrew claim 31 from the appeal. A supplemental amendment was filed to place the application appeal in condition for allowance and this continuation was filed to pursue additional claims, including those on appeal.

Original claims 1-19 have been canceled from the application and replaced with claims 20 to 36 which were the claims previously on appeal and which are believed to be clearly patentable for the reasons of record.

The present application is a continuation application and the prior art cited in the parent applications should be taken into consideration in the present application. In accordance with MPEP § 2001.06(b), a separate information disclosure statement is not necessary. However, Applicants submit herewith copies of the information disclosure statements and PTO Form 892 from the parent applications

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In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims an early and favorable action on the merits is now in order and is most respectfully requested.

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